IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of : Attorney Docket No. 0074-532837

KEITH VIVIAN ALEXANDER : Confirmation No. 4961

Application No. 10/560,335 : Examiner Jerome W. Donnelly

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For: A Trampoline and : Enclosure System :

RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL ACTION

In response to the Official Action mailed on November 9, 2007, the Applicant submits the following remarks.

In the Official Action, the Examiner indicated that Claims 1-3, 14-16, and 30-32 are allowed. Claims 4-13, 17-20, 24-29, and 33-35 were objected to as being in improper form. More specifically, the Examiner asserted that Claims 4-13, 17-20, 24-29, and 33-35 do not comply with 37 CFR 1.75(c) because they are multiple dependent claims that refer to other multiple dependent claims.

The objection to Claims 4-13, 17-20, 24-29, and 33-35 is improper because it apparently does not take into account the amendments to the claims submitted by the Applicant when the application was filed. More specifically, the Applicant submitted a Preliminary Amendment on December 9, 2005 with the papers for entering the US national phase of this international application. A true and correct copy of the preliminary amendment is enclosed herewith for easy reference by the Examiner. Also enclosed is a true and correct copy of the Notice of Acceptance mailed on October 2, 2006 which indicates that the Preliminary Amendment was received on December 9, 2005. Moreover, a copy of the Preliminary Amendment is listed and displayable in the record for this application in the USPTO Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. In view of the foregoing facts and circumstances, the preliminary amendment of the

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claims was timely submitted and the amendments to the claims should have been entered in the

present application and considered prior to examination.

A review of the amendments to the claims in the Preliminary Amendment should make it

clear that the amended claims meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.75(c).

CONCLUSION

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is believed that all of the claims of this application are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner

reconsider and withdraw the objection to Claims 4-13, 17-20, 24-29, and 33-35.

Respectfully submitted,

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